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Dear Archie,

I appreciate very much your letter on my new job. It should be very interesting but I am sure confusing. Unfortunately it will mean the severing of my direct connection with OSI but I intend to keep in close touch with what they are doing.

I appreciate your worries about the technical working group meeting on the nuclear tests. We had originally proposed this preliminary meeting primarily between the technical measurement people so as to lay the groundwork for a later meeting which would discuss the analyses on the tests. Initially it was thought that an OSI person would attend but then it ended up that every other Agency wished to send representatives and the entire session was rapidly getting out of hand. Therefore, at [redacted] suggestion we cut it back to [redacted] alone.

I do not believe you need feel this is a precedent for either your shop's or OSI's withdrawal from the weapons analysis business. As you know the primary purpose of this session is to discuss such technical questions as measurement accuracy and analysis interpretation with the weapons design discussions to be held at the later full conference. We are, however, alert to your worries and of course would share them if they came to pass. We shall therefore keep very close watch on the situation from here.

At the present time I do not know when I will be coming to [redacted] but I will keep my fingers crossed. I am afraid, however, that I have a little homework to do first.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.,

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